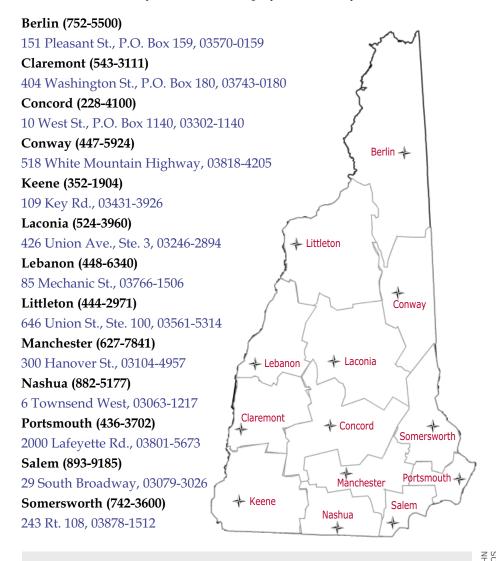
For information on becoming a *Waiter/Waitress* see Sources of additional information within this brochure.

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# Waiter/Waitress

**Hospitality & Tourism** 

Projected to be among the occupations with the most openings (New Hampshire Occupational Projections, 2004-2014)

Here are a few things you should know.





## You'll want to Know a few things about this career.

Average Annual Wage \$7.92

Expected 10 year Growth 17%

Average Annual Openings 796

### Training/Education Needed

Short On-the-Job Tips comprise a major portion of earnings; consequently, keen competition is expected for jobs in popular restaurants.

#### Basic Skills

Listening, writing, speaking, math

#### Job Skills

Service orientation, active listening, speaking, writing, math, social perceptiveness, reading comprehension, coordination, judgement and decision making, instructing

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### Tasks

- Check patrons' identification to ensure that they meet minimum age requirements for consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- 2. Collect payments from customers.
- Write patrons' food orders on order slips, memorize orders, or enter orders into computers for transmittal to kitchen staff.
- 4. Take orders from patrons for food or beverages.
- 5. Check with customers to ensure that they are enjoying their meals and take action to correct any problems.

Serve food or beverages to patrons, and prepare or serve specialty dishes at tables as required.

Source: Online O\*Net Center

- 7. Prepare checks that itemize and total meal costs and sales taxes.
- Remove dishes and glasses from tables or counters, and take them to kitchen for cleaning.
- Present menus to patrons and answer questions about menu items, making recommendations upon request.
- 10. Inform customers of daily specials.

## Interests (Holland Code) SER

(Social, Enterprising, Realistic)

Career Cluster Hospitality and Tourism

#### **Working Conditions**

Comfortable, well lighted, clean environment (May stand for long periods of time, often carry heavy trays, under pressure to be fast and efficient)

### Average Work Week

Hours vary (Most work part-time and work Saturdays, evenings, and holidays)

# Sources of Additional Information

NH Employment Security (Contact office nearest you or go online to www.nh.gov/nhes/)

National Restaurant Association 1200 17th Street NW Washington, DC 20036 www.restaurant.org

International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and International Education 3205 Skipwith Road Richmond, VA 23294 www.chrie.org